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LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS

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HER RESOURCES AND ADVANTAGES

ISSUED BY THE GREATER LEAVENWORTH CLUB

An Organization Whose Purpose Is the Promotion of the Mercantile, Manufacturing, Industrial and Civic Interests of the City



GOOD GOVERNMENT, CIVIC UNITY, STRATEGIC POSITION
AND NATURAL RESOURCES ARE PRODUCING A

"GREATER LEAVENWORTH"



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Delaware Street, Looking East

LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS



THE CITY OF LEAVENWORTH, situated on the great artery of western life and progress---the Missouri River---is, by reason of its natural resources, one of the most important industrial cities of this rapidly developing section of the country. Leavenworth has from its earliest days been prominent and foremost in the progress of western development and traffic. Originally as Fort Leavenworth, it provided a haven of safety for the pioneers whose mission was the winning of the West from savagery to civilization; and today, as a modern city of about 25,000 population, it stands as an example of a well-governed city affording a wealth of opportunity in industry and commerce. As a place of residence it is unsurpassed for beauty, and might well be termed "lovely Leavenworth."

The purpose of this booklet, however, is not to go into the history of this city---interesting though that is---or to set forth the praises of its scenic beauty; but simply to state in a concise manner, some of the advantages possessed by Leavenworth, both as a manufacturing and residential city.



Court
House



Post-
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Public
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LEAVENWORTH A MANUFACTURING CITY

In considering the question of location for manufacturing purposes, probably the most important is that of markets for both buying and selling. A manufacturing city should be so situated as to command easy and economical access to the largest possible territory from which to draw its supply of raw material, and in which to distribute its finished product. Next to this comes the question of transportation, and with these factors in its favor, we have the first essentials for manufacturing successfully.

In the matter of markets Leavenworth occupies a commanding position, for it has the world for a market if we consider the possibilities of its river navigation. But apart from this, with its railroads reaching into every section of the country, and being situated as it is in the very center of the United States, it can readily be seen what an advantageous position it occupies. It can safely be said without fear of successful refutation that it has a field in which it is supreme—the great Southwest, a territory which is developing rapidly and whose future is bright with promise.


TRANSPORTATION AND TERMINAL FACILITIES

Leavenworth has nine lines of railroads, viz.: Missouri Pacific; Rock Island; Burlington; Great Western; Santa Fe; Union Pacific; Kansas City Northwestern; Leavenworth, Kansas & Western; Leavenworth & Topeka. These lines afford every facility for reaching an extensive market, both for the assembling of material and the distribution of product. Leavenworth enjoys the same freight rates as Kansas City, Mo., which is a rate basing point; and its terminal and switching facilities are all that can be desired. When in connection with the present railroad facilities the fact of our river transportation is taken into consideration, it can be seen that future as well as present requirements are assured beyond a doubt, for it must not be lost sight of that water transportation is destined to be constantly improved and come more and more into favor. According to government authorities "we may look for an extensive return to the canal and canalized river as the important department of transport." A move is now on foot to expend millions of dollars in deepening the Missouri River channel, and there is no doubt but what this will be done within the next few years. In the matter of transportation this question of waterways is of the utmost importance; especially that of rivers, as it means considerably cheapened cost in carrying, for the river is a "road that travels" in one direction, thus providing free power in that respect, and in all events water transportation is a great regulator of railroad rates.

Leavenworth has four passenger depots: Union Passenger Station, Burlington, Santa Fe, Great Western, with about 75 scheduled daily passenger trains.

MANUFACTURING COSTS

Equal in importance with that of transportation is the matter of manufacturing costs. In this the question of wages paid labor figure very largely. Situated as Leavenworth is, in the midst of a rich and fertile farming country, the cost of living is reduced to a minimum, thus the purchasing power of money is greater as far as food supplies are concerned. In addition to this the price of land is cheap, and rents are lower than in congested centres, thereby enabling the factory operative to live better on less money than would be possible in many other cities. These conditions are always conducive to

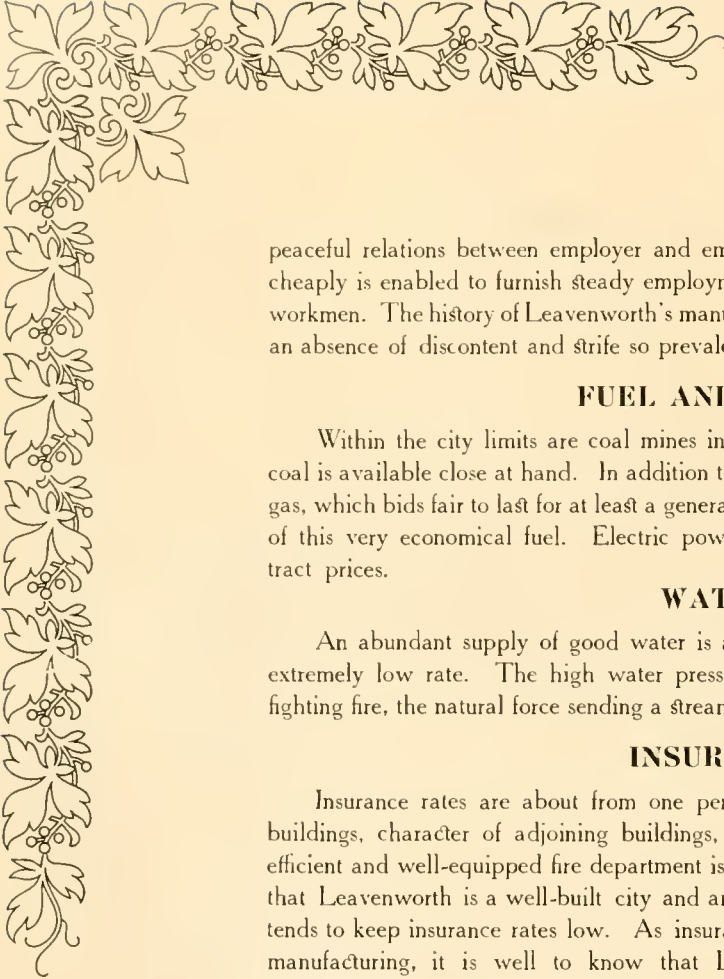




Saint Mary's Academy



High School



peaceful relations between employer and employee; as the manufacturer by producing cheaply is enabled to furnish steady employment, which in turn attracts a better type of workmen. The history of Leavenworth's manufacturing establishments for years past shows an absence of discontent and strife so prevalent in many other manufacturing cities.

FUEL AND POWER

Within the city limits are coal mines in operation, and an inexhaustible supply of coal is available close at hand. In addition to this Leavenworth enjoys the use of natural gas, which bids fair to last for at least a generation, so there is no fear of sudden exhaustion of this very economical fuel. Electric power is also available at unusually low contract prices.

WATER

An abundant supply of good water is available for manufacturing purposes at an extremely low rate. The high water pressure is such that no engines are needed in fighting fire, the natural force sending a stream 125 feet high.

INSURANCE

Insurance rates are about from one per cent. up according to the construction of buildings, character of adjoining buildings, equipment, etc., as in other places. An efficient and well-equipped fire department is maintained, and this, together with the fact that Leavenworth is a well-built city and amply protected against disastrous fires, also tends to keep insurance rates low. As insurance is ordinarily a heavy fixed charge in manufacturing, it is well to know that Leavenworth has never suffered a great conflagration, and its insurance rates are as low as those in any city.

TAXES

This is an item hard to determine by comparison, as different places assess on various valuations. The rate in Leavenworth is based on a three-fourths valuation of property, and is \$1.90. This compares very favorably with any city in the country possessing the same public improvements, service, and good government generally.

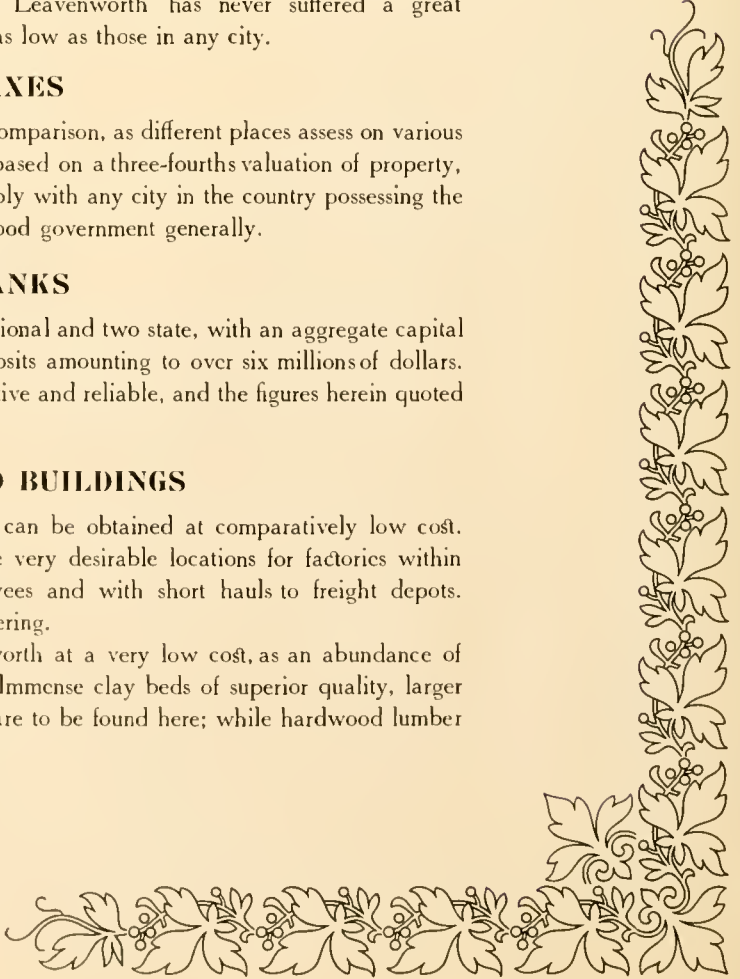
BANKS

Leavenworth has five banks, three national and two state, with an aggregate capital of \$725,000, surplus \$525,000, and deposits amounting to over six millions of dollars. The banking record of this city is conservative and reliable, and the figures herein quoted show a state of financial soundness.

LAND AND BUILDINGS

Choice sites with switching facilities can be obtained at comparatively low cost. It is possible at the present time to secure very desirable locations for factories within walking distance of the homes of employees and with short hauls to freight depots. These are advantages well worth considering.

Buildings can be erected in Leavenworth at a very low cost, as an abundance of good building material is close at hand. Immense clay beds of superior quality, larger brick plants, and other building materials are to be found here; while hardwood lumber



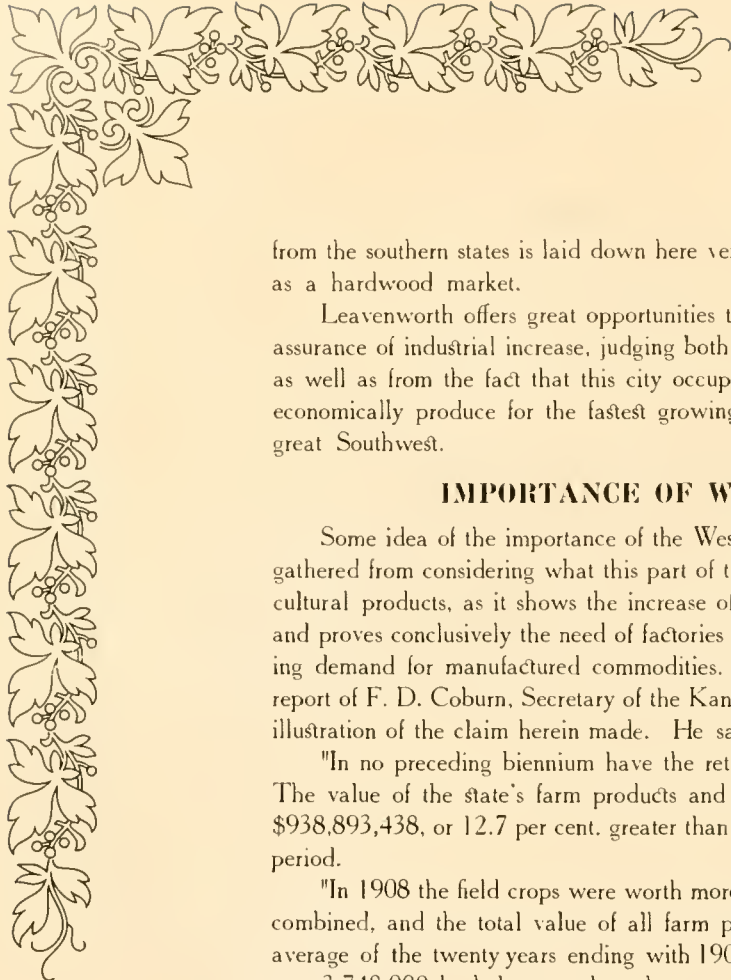


Third Avenue School



Oak Street School

Two of the Ten Graded Public Schools



from the southern states is laid down here very cheaply, this part of the country ranking as a hardwood market.

Leavenworth offers great opportunities to men of capital to invest here with every assurance of industrial increase, judging both from the experiences of those already here as well as from the fact that this city occupies a strategic position which permits it to economically produce for the fastest growing markets of the world--the West and the great Southwest.

IMPORTANCE OF WESTERN MARKET

Some idea of the importance of the West as a consumer of factory products may be gathered from considering what this part of the country is producing in the way of agricultural products, as it shows the increase of wealth among the people of this section, and proves conclusively the need of factories to economically supply the rapidly increasing demand for manufactured commodities. The following excerpt from the biennial report of F. D. Coburn, Secretary of the Kansas State Board of Agriculture, serves as an illustration of the claim herein made. He says:

"In no preceding biennium have the returns from the farm been so great in value. The value of the state's farm products and livestock for 1907-1908 was aggregated \$938,893,438, or 12.7 per cent. greater than for 1905-1906, the best preceding biennial period.

"In 1908 the field crops were worth more than those of the years of 1893 and 1894 combined, and the total value of all farm products was 60 per cent. greater than the average of the twenty years ending with 1907. The yield of wheat (winter and spring) was 3,748,000 bushels more than the average for the ten years ending with 1907, a decade in which the largest five of the state's wheat crops were raised. It was the most valuable wheat crop ever produced by Kansas, worth \$7,097,634 more than that of 1907, which ranks second, and over twenty million dollars more than was received by the growers for their combined crops of the four years from 1893 to 1896, inclusive. The average value per bushel in 1908 was above 83 cents, the highest since 1861.

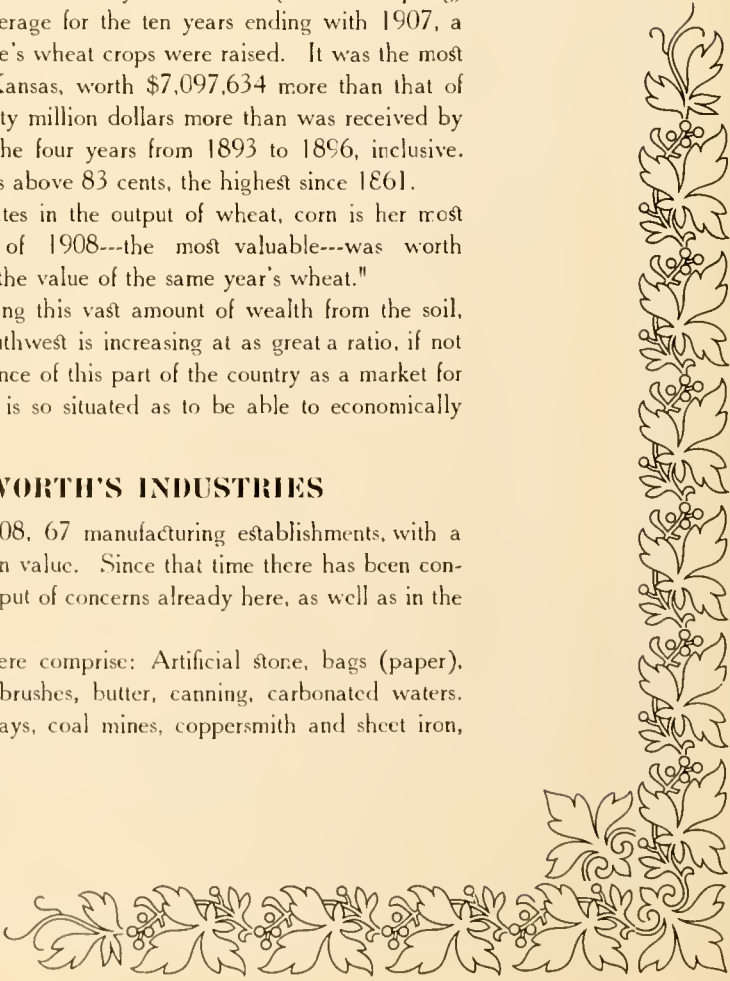
"Although Kansas leads all other states in the output of wheat, corn is her most important soil product, and the crop of 1908--the most valuable--was worth \$82,642,461, or \$18,757,316 more than the value of the same year's wheat."

This is only one state that is producing this vast amount of wealth from the soil, and when we consider that the entire Southwest is increasing at as great a ratio, if not more so, it gives a fair idea of the importance of this part of the country as a market for manufactured products, and Leavenworth is so situated as to be able to economically supply this market.

SOME OF LEAVENWORTH'S INDUSTRIES

Leavenworth had, at the end of 1908, 67 manufacturing establishments, with a total output of almost four million dollars in value. Since that time there has been considerable increase both in regard to the output of concerns already here, as well as in the securing of new industries.

The varied industries in operation here comprise: Artificial stone, bags (paper), boxes and barrels, bridges, brooms and brushes, butter, canning, carbonated waters, car and shop construction by steam railways, coal mines, coppermith and sheet iron,

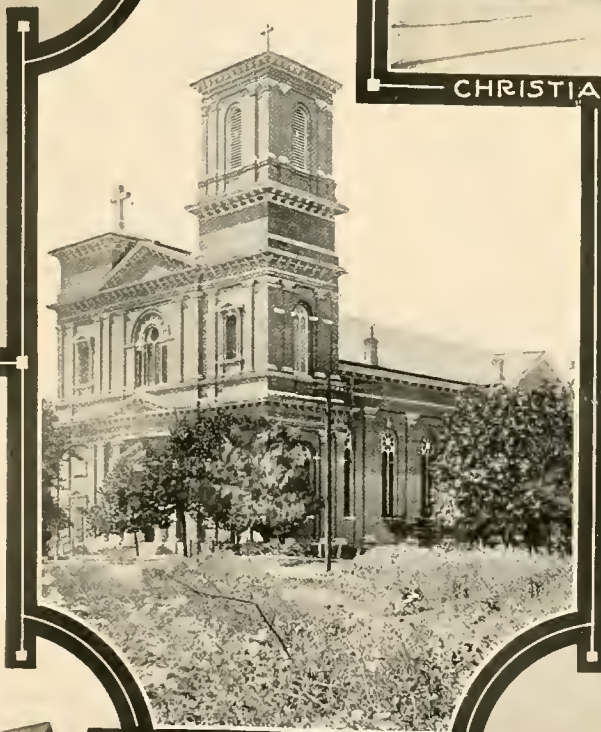




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CHRISTIAN SCIENCE



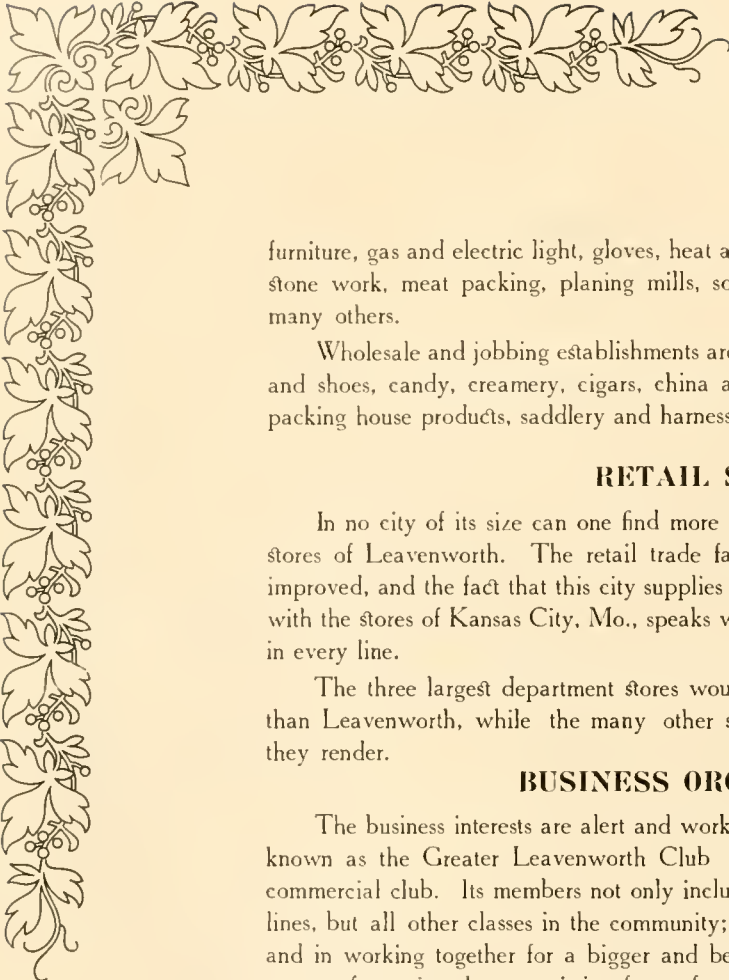
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION



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PRESBYTERIAN



furniture, gas and electric light, gloves, heat and power, ice, iron machinery, marble and stone work, meat packing, planing mills, soap, stoves, upholstery and mattresses and many others.

Wholesale and jobbing establishments are located here in the following lines: Boots and shoes, candy, creamery, cigars, china and glassware, drugs, groceries, hardware, packing house products, saddlery and harness.

RETAIL STORES

In no city of its size can one find more complete stocks of goods than in the retail stores of Leavenworth. The retail trade facilities are constantly being enlarged and improved, and the fact that this city supplies a large surrounding territory in competition with the stores of Kansas City, Mo., speaks well for the progressiveness of the merchants in every line.

The three largest department stores would be a credit to a city many times larger than Leavenworth, while the many other stores are in nowise behind in the service they render.

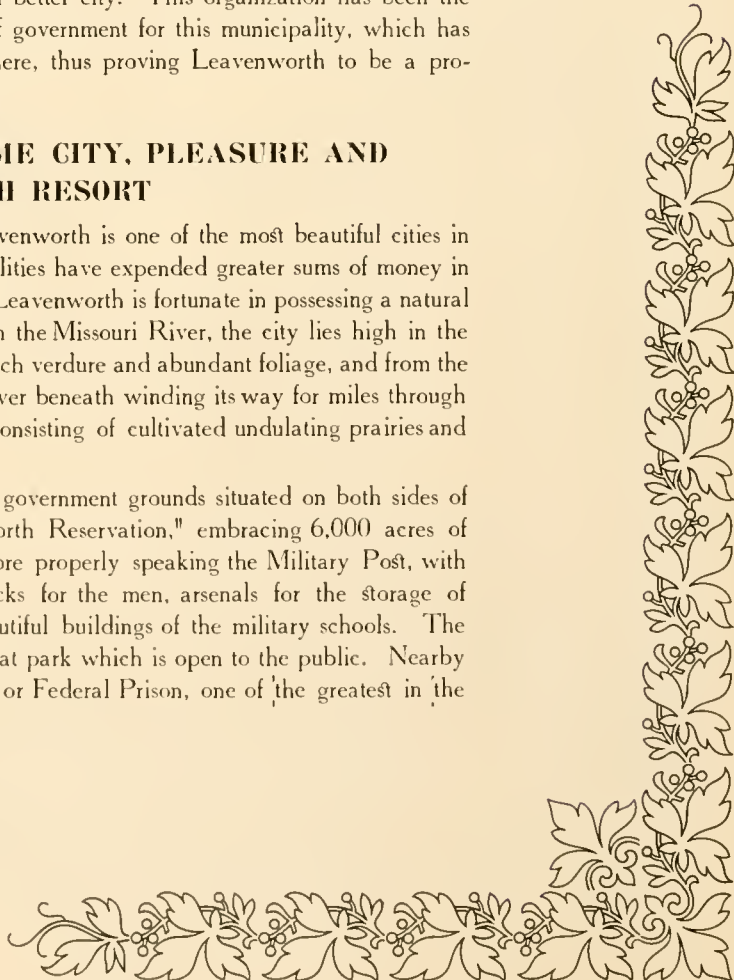
BUSINESS ORGANIZATION

The business interests are alert and work harmoniously together. The organization known as the Greater Leavenworth Club is more comprehensive than the ordinary commercial club. Its members not only include the representative business houses in all lines, but all other classes in the community; thus all are interested in good government and in working together for a bigger and better city. This organization has been the means of securing the commission form of government for this municipality, which has proven a decided success here as elsewhere, thus proving Leavenworth to be a progressive city.

LEAVENWORTH A HOME CITY, PLEASURE AND HEALTH RESORT

It is no exaggeration to say that Leavenworth is one of the most beautiful cities in the United States. While many municipalities have expended greater sums of money in public improvements of an artistic nature, Leavenworth is fortunate in possessing a natural beauty. Rising in a gentle declivity from the Missouri River, the city lies high in the midst of a rolling country clothed with a rich verdure and abundant foliage, and from the towering bluffs one can view the rolling river beneath winding its way for miles through beautiful stretches of diversified scenery consisting of cultivated undulating prairies and wooded savannahs.

On one side of the city stretches the government grounds situated on both sides of the river, known as the "Fort Leavenworth Reservation," embracing 6,000 acres of territory on which stands the "Fort", or more properly speaking the Military Post, with its handsome homes for officers and barracks for the men, arsenals for the storage of arms and munitions of war, and the beautiful buildings of the military schools. The spacious grounds are maintained as a great park which is open to the public. Nearby is the immense United States Penitentiary or Federal Prison, one of the greatest in the world.





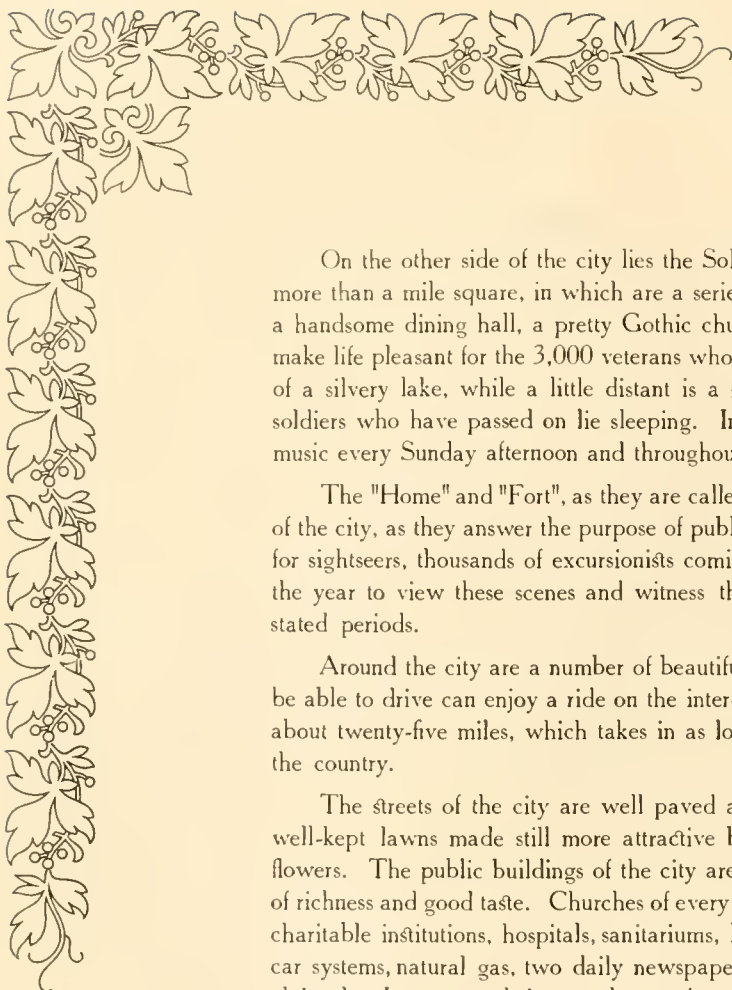
Evergreen Place Hospital, C. C. Goddard, M. D., Manager

A Beautifully Situated Private Institution for the Treatment of Nervous Diseases,
both Functional and Organic, of Men and Women



Saint John's Hospital

In Charge of the Sisters of Charity



On the other side of the city lies the Soldiers' Home in well-kept grounds covering more than a mile square, in which are a series of artistic buildings, comprising barracks, a handsome dining hall, a pretty Gothic church, a theatre, and all that is necessary to make life pleasant for the 3,000 veterans who live there. The buildings fringe the shores of a silvery lake, while a little distant is a grove of trees in which many hundreds of soldiers who have passed on lie sleeping. In the pagoda the Military Band discourses music every Sunday afternoon and throughout the summer evenings.

The "Home" and "Fort", as they are called, are a source of enjoyment to the residents of the city, as they answer the purpose of public parks, and they are also a great attraction for sightseers, thousands of excursionists coming from all parts of the country throughout the year to view these scenes and witness the military maneuvers which take place at stated periods.

Around the city are a number of beautiful drives, and those not fortunate enough to be able to drive can enjoy a ride on the inter-urban trolley to Kansas City, a distance of about twenty-five miles, which takes in as lovely a scene as can be found anywhere in the country.

The streets of the city are well paved and lined with stately trees, bordered with well-kept lawns made still more attractive by the pretty homes amidst a profusion of flowers. The public buildings of the city are handsome structures and display evidence of richness and good taste. Churches of every denomination, schools (public and private), charitable institutions, hospitals, sanitariums, libraries, theatres, clubs, associations, street car systems, natural gas, two daily newspapers—all these exist on a scale to justify the claim that Leavenworth is a modern and up-to-date city in every respect.



Among other things that make Leavenworth very desirable as a place of residence is its mineral waters. Two natural mineral springs give forth water containing great medicinal and curative qualities. This water is bottled and supplied for family use. A splendid Natatorium has been constructed with swimming pool and private baths, into which is pumped natural salt water, thus affording an opportunity of taking an ocean spray plunge without a trip to the sea.

A well-equipped Sanitarium under the management of skilled physicians enables sufferers to receive the best medical care and attention in connection with drinking the waters and taking the baths.

It would be difficult to find another city that combines so many features that go to make life pleasant, as does Leavenworth, and as this fact is becoming better known people are being attracted towards this city in ever-increasing numbers. The population increased during the past year 2,604.

Within the limits of this little booklet it is impossible to go extensively into details concerning the advantages which this city possesses, but full information will be furnished anyone interested, whether individuals seeking a place of residence, or firms looking for a favorable business location, and every encouragement and reasonable inducement is offered reliable manufacturing concerns to locate here.

Address all communications to the Secretary of the Greater Leavenworth Club, Leavenworth, Kansas.





Cushing Hospital, Home for the Friendless and Training School for Nurses

This Hospital is for Medical, Surgical, Gynaecological and Obstetrical Cases, and is Conducted by a Board of Managers and a Medical Faculty Representing the Training School for Nurses



Swimming Pool—Ocean Spray Natatorium

Natural Salt Water Possessing Medicinal and Curative Qualities,
Piped in from the Mineral Springs



Delmonico Hotel



Sanitarium



National Hotel



Home of The Leavenworth Post
A Modern and Enterprising Evening Daily Newspaper



Peoples Theatre
A Popular Amusement House



The Leavenworth Times Building
The Leavenworth Times Is the Oldest Newspaper in the State of Kansas



Missouri and Kansas Telephone Company



Peoples Home Telephone Company



Leavenworth National Bank



Masonic Building



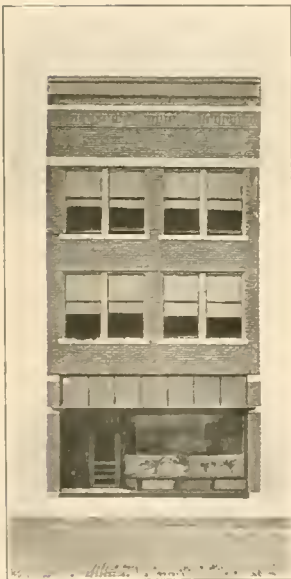
Wulfekuhler State Bank and Manufacturers National Bank



First National Bank



Asa Building



Greater Leavenworth Club



Odd Fellows' Hall



Turner Hall



BURLINGTON DEPOT



UNION DEPOT



SANTA FE DEPOT

Three of the Railway Depots



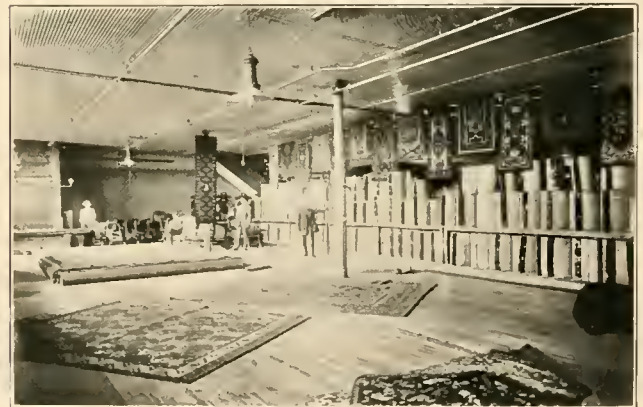
Wm. Small & Co.
Dry Goods and Millinery



The Ettenson Dry Goods Co.



Main Floor—Wm. Small & Co.



Carpet Department—Ettenson Dry Goods Co.



Woolfe & Winnig, Department Store



Sickel & Trollman, Dry Goods



Ditzell Music Co.



P. F. Bahb, Hardware



T. T. Reyburn, Hardware



Wuerth & Son, Jewelry



The Engel Clothing Co.

Richard Springe
Citizen and
Military Tailor
and Clothier
to Man



Interior
Wuerth & Son
Jewelry
Store

W. A. Kirkham
Jewelry and
Silverware





The Bell Dry Goods Co.



Bell Laundry



E. C. Fritsche
Drugs and Toilet Accessories



C. L. Knapp & Co.
China and Glassware



C. M. Tarr
Wall Paper and Art Goods



Fifth and Delaware Streets



Bird's-eye View of



River Front - Leavenworth as it is Now



North Esplanade--A Residence Street Overlooking the River



Industrial Leavenworth



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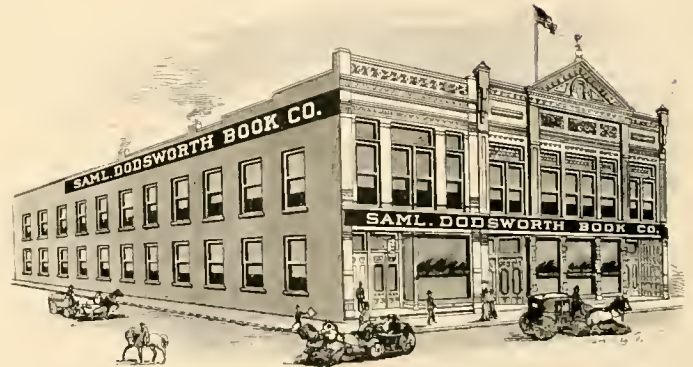
River Front--Leavenworth When We "Use the River"



Barlow Cigar Co.—Interior Retail Store



C. L. Knapp & Co.



Saml. Dodsworth Book Co.

Blank Book Manufacturers and Printers



Barlow Cigar Co., Wholesale and Retail, Main Store



Feller Lumber Co.



J. W. Crancer Co., Wholesale Hardware



Goodjohn Sash and Door Co.



Lambert Lumber Co.



Leavenworth Dairy and Creamery Co.



Joseph V. Stoltz, Wholesale Grocer



D. S. Ryan, Cold Storage Plant



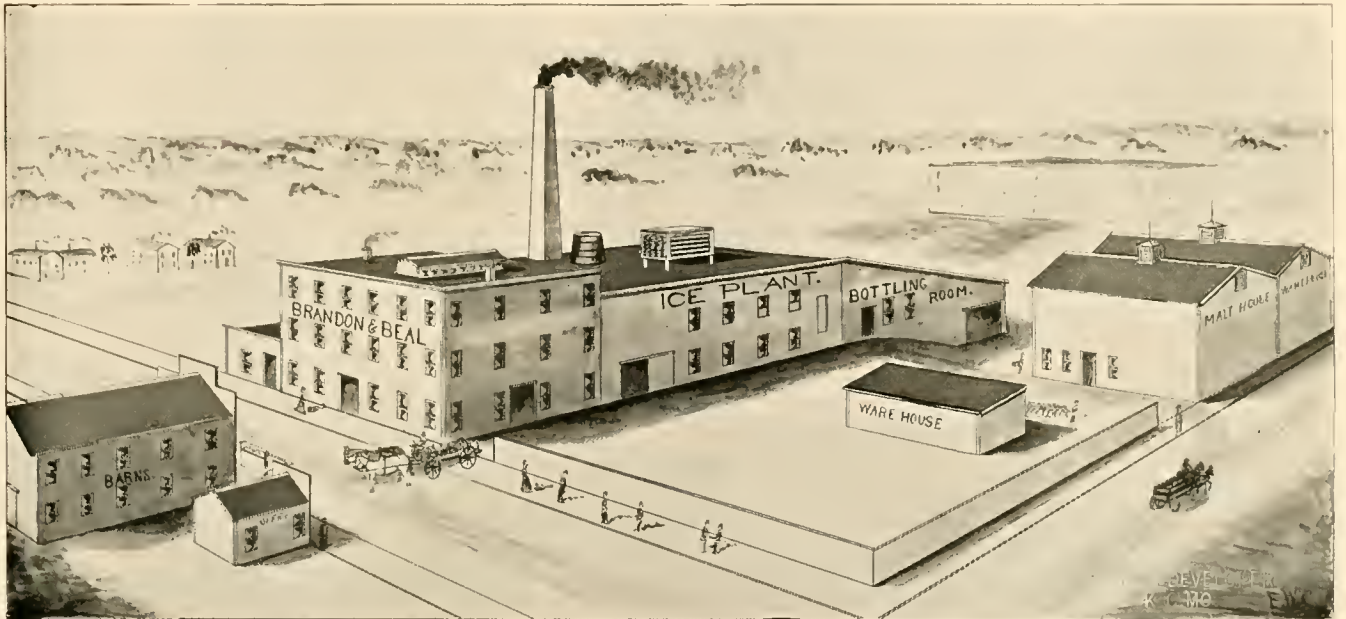
Street in Wholesale District
Showing Bittman & Todd, Grocers; Catlin & Knox, Boots and Shoes
and National Soap Co., Manufacturers



Rohlfing & Co., Wholesale Grocers



B. & H. Packing Co.



Brandon & Beal, Ice Plant



Pickarts Pickle and Vinegar Works



Ashby & Sons, Feed Mill



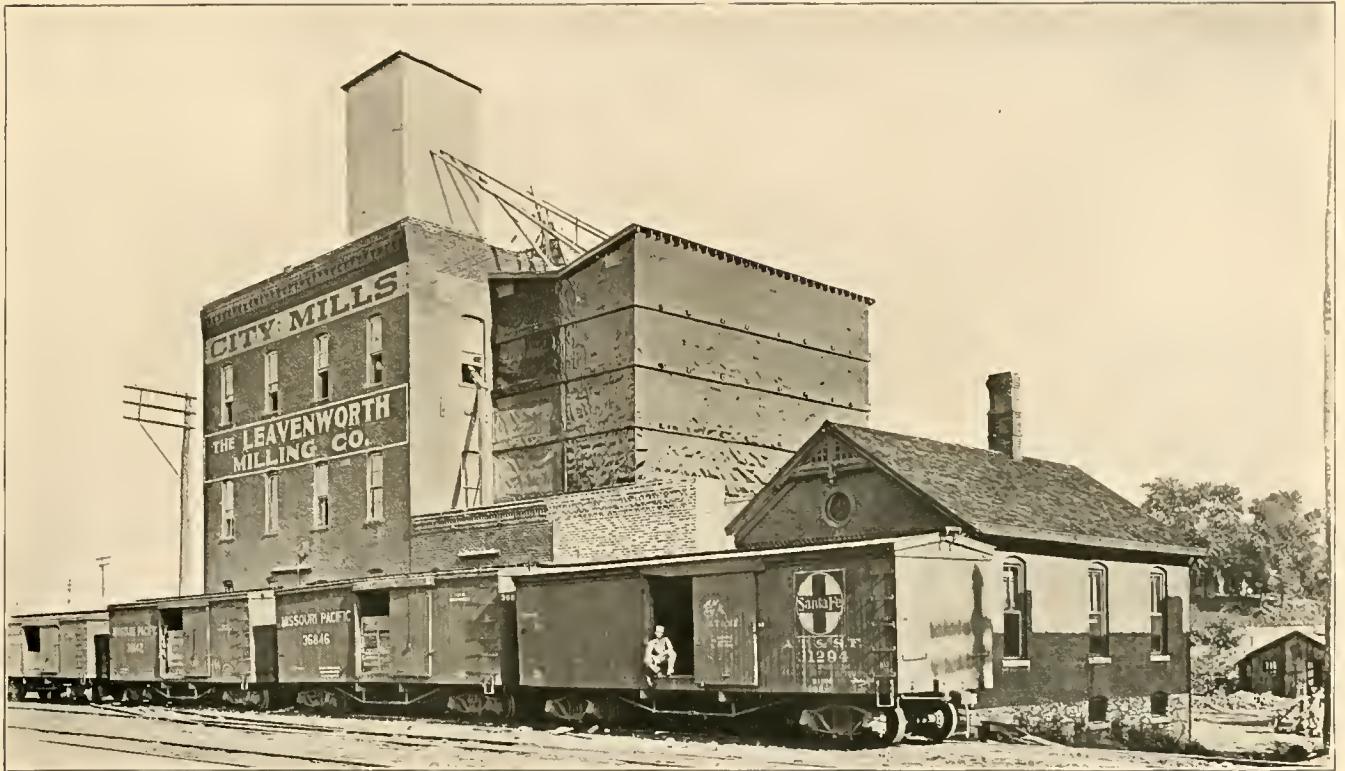
Globe Canning Co.



Denton Bros., Elevator



Collins-Legler Hay & Grain Co.



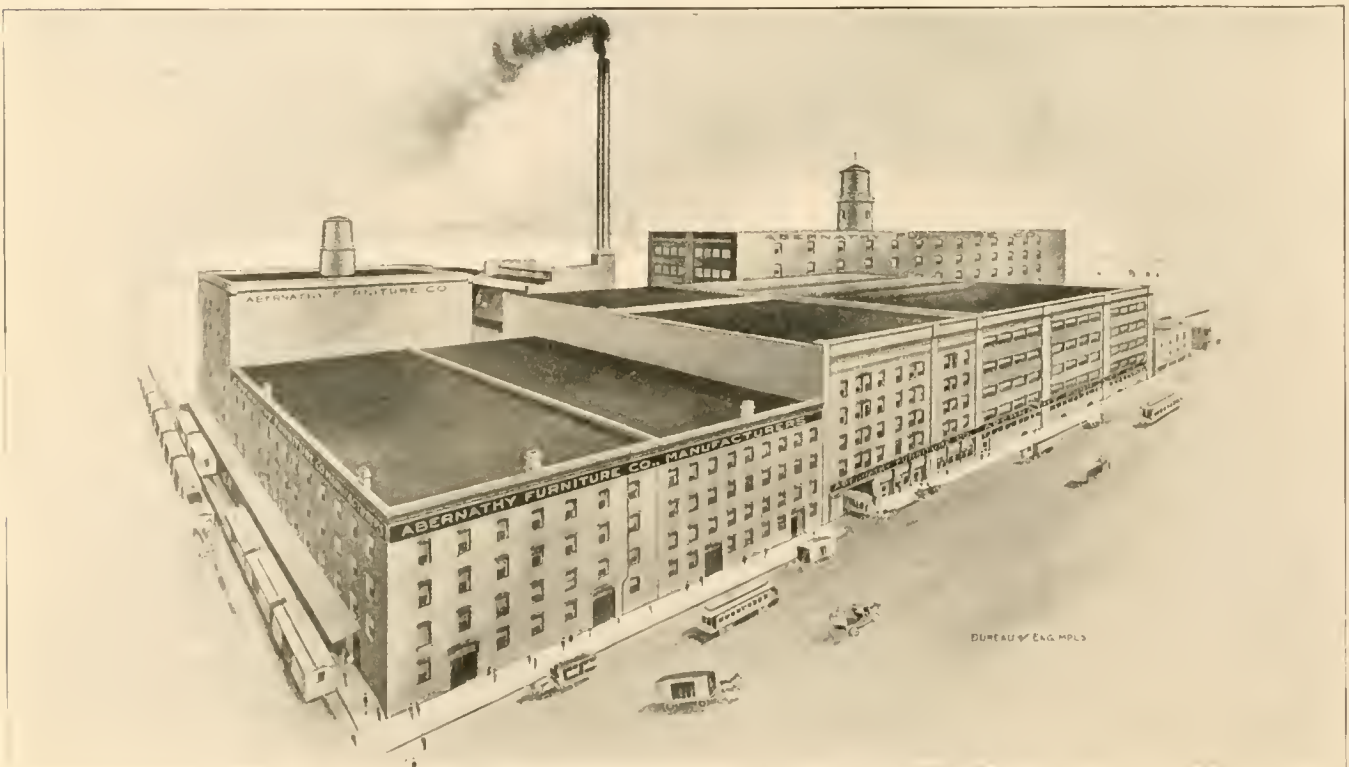
Leavenworth Milling Co.



The J. C. Lysle Milling Co.



Factories and Warehouses of the Abernathy Furniture Co.



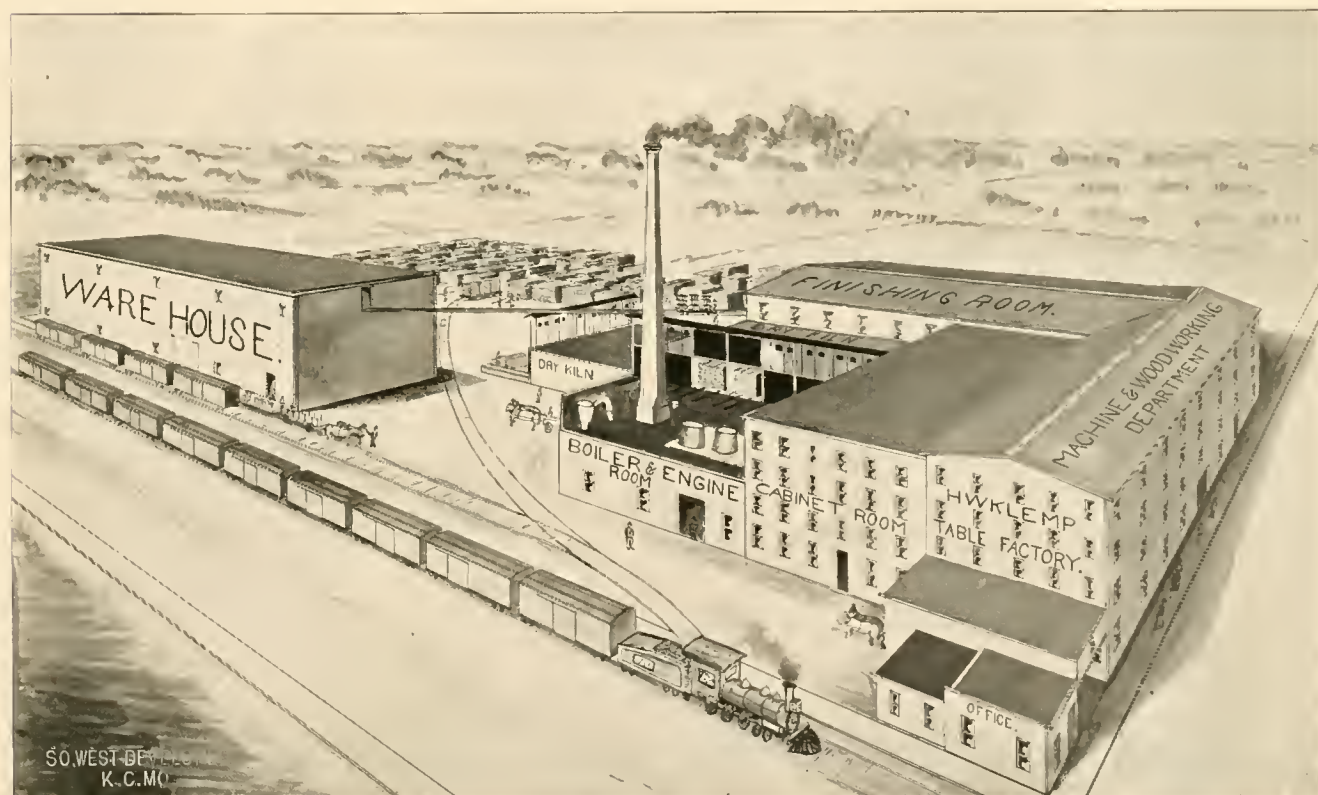
Factories and Warehouses of the Abernathy Furniture Co.



The Helmers Manufacturing Co., Furniture Manufacturers

WAREHOUSE, SAMPLE ROOMS, GENERAL OFFICES

New Factory now in course of construction at Leavenworth, size 500 feet long, 60 feet wide, 4 stories high



H. W. Klemp, Furniture Factory



Great Western Stove Co.
Large Additions to These Works Now in Course of Construction



Fisher Machine Works
Manufacturers of Corliss Engines and Ice Machinery



The Victor Manufacturing Co.
Manufacturers of Washing Machines



Great Western Manufacturing Co.
Manufacturers of Milling Machinery

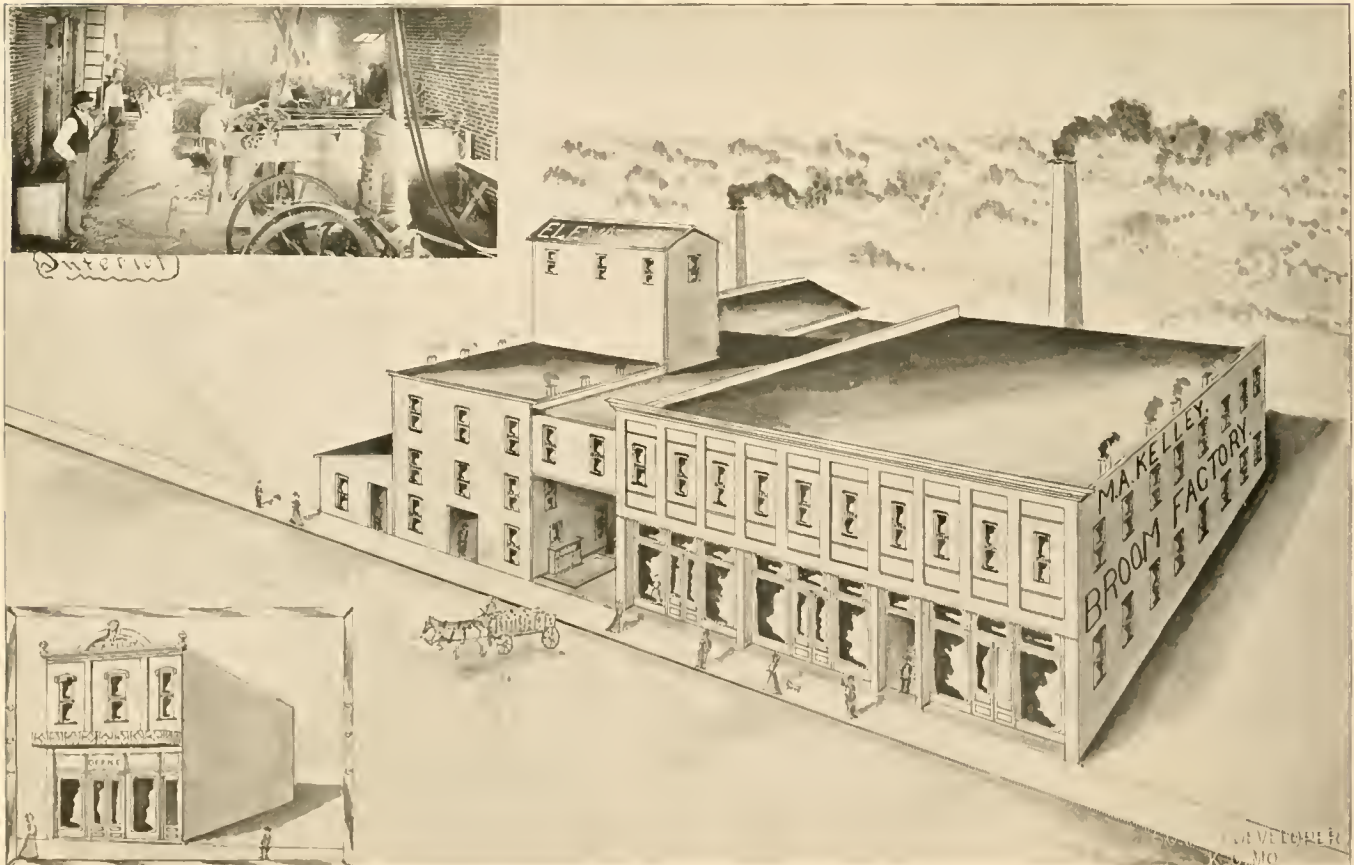




Factory of M. B. Hamilton & Co.
Manufacturers of Gloves and Mittens



Interior



Works of the M. A. Kelly Broom Co.



Wm. G. Hesse & Son Mfg. Co.
Carriages and Wagons



Hesse's Garage



Ackenhausen Saddlery Co.
Manufacturers of Harness and Saddlery



Leavenworth Brick Co.'s Plant



Greenhouses of Sunnyside Floral Co.



Riverside Mine No. 2



Riverside Mine No. 1

Two of Leavenworth's Coal Mines



Missouri Valley Bridge and Iron Co.



1. E. P. Wilson
3. D. R. Anthony, Jr.
5. Louis Wulfekuhler

2. E. W. Crauer
4. O. P. Lambert
6. John Wilson

Residence of
N. H. Burt



Residence of
the Mayor
Omar Abernathy



Residence of
J. A. McGonigle





Wm. Small
Memorial Home
for Aged Women

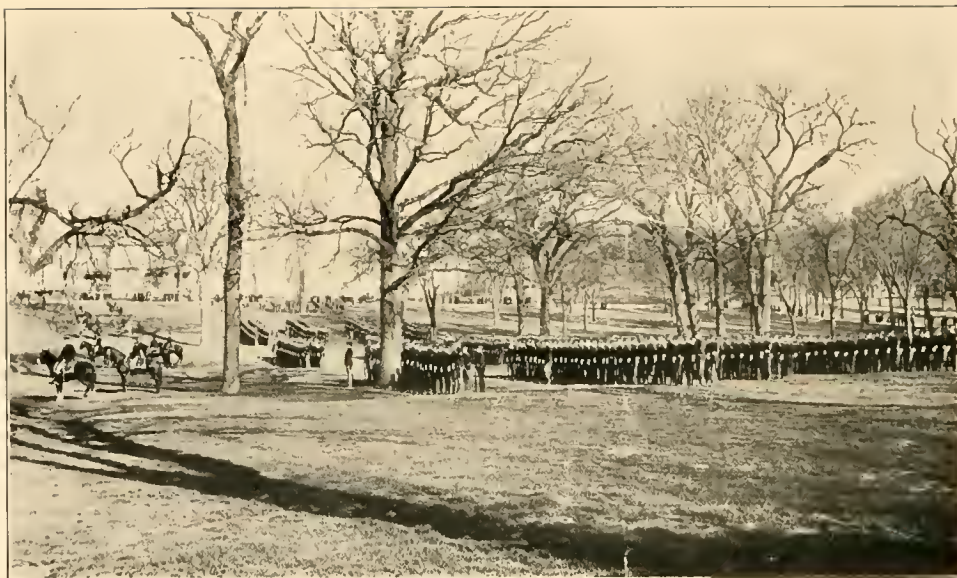


Old Rock Island
Bridge at
Fort Leavenworth



Fair Grounds
Association
Park

Parade Ground
Fort Leavenworth



K. C. W. Depot
Fort Leavenworth

Commanding
Officer's Quarters
Fort Leavenworth





Officers' Quarters
Fort Leavenworth



Pope Hall, Fort Leavenworth



Y. M. C. A., Fort Leavenworth



Staff College
Fort Leavenworth

Schofield Hall
Fort Leavenworth



Hospital
Fort Leavenworth

Military Prison
Fort Leavenworth





Hospital
Soldiers' Home



Headquarters
and Library
Soldiers' Home



Dining Hall
Soldiers' Home

Gothic Chapel
Soldiers' Home



Lake Jeannette
Soldiers' Home

Band Stand and
Drinking Fountain
Soldiers' Home





Sunset Gun
Soldiers' Home



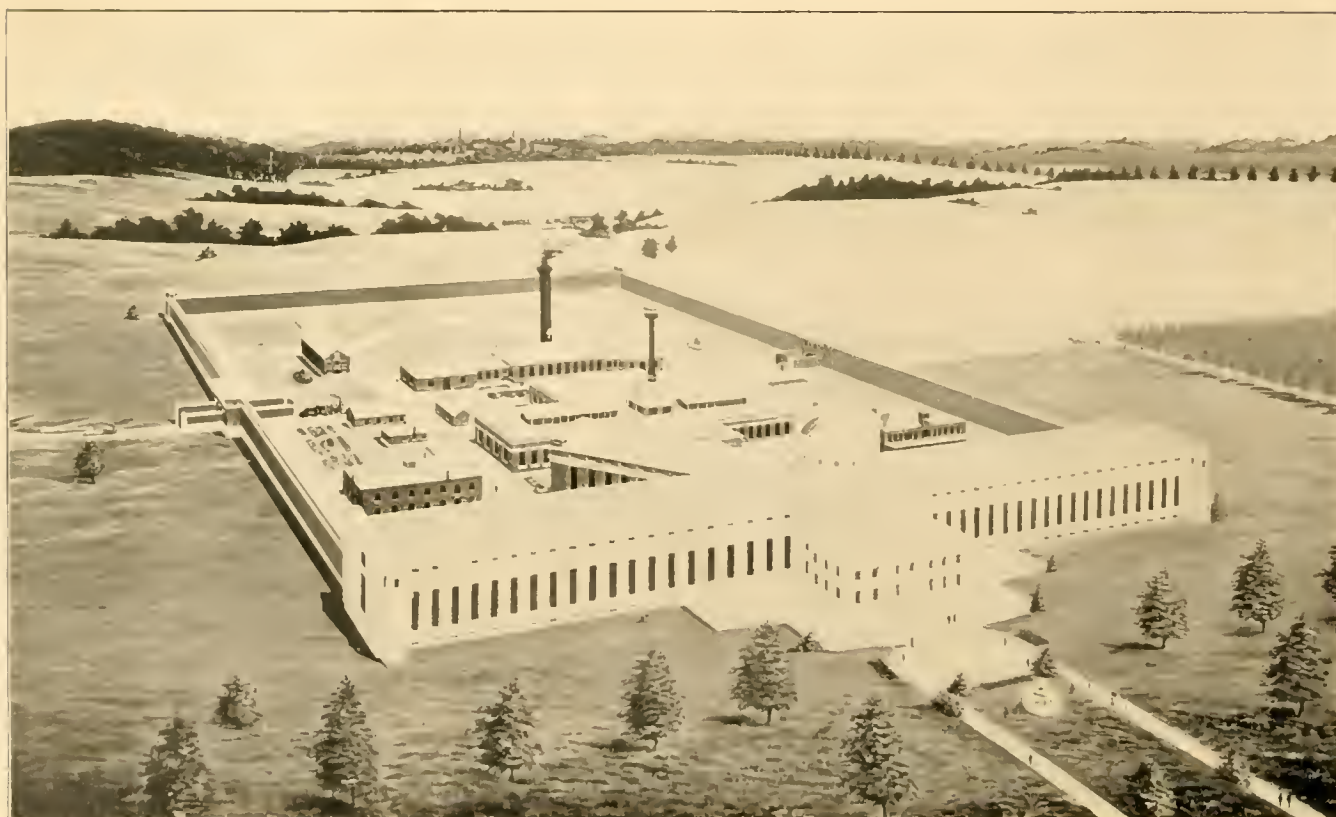
"Retreat"
A Daily Ceremony
Soldiers' Home



Folding the Flag
at "Retreat"
Soldiers' Home



Kansas State Penitentiary



United States Federal Penitentiary

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